

# MirreM Spring School

March 19-21, 2025 | University for Continuing Education  
Krems, Austria

Two thematically-linked events in Krems

IMISCOE Spring Conference 'The Regularity of Irregularity' (17-19 March, 2025)

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MirreM Spring School 'Approaching irregular migration from a quantitative perspective: data, estimates, methods' (19-21 March, 2025)

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IMISCOE SPRING Conference (participation is optional & free of charge, registration required)

**Monday, March 17** – Day 1 – 9.00-20.00 (phd network sessions, IMISCOE Board meetings, opening keynote speeches, reception)

**Tuesday, March 18** – Day 2 – 9.00-18.30 (Roundtable 1, panel sessions, city walk)

**Wednesday March 19- Day 3** – 9.00-17.00 (Panel sessions, closing panel)

See for more details [here](#)

## Training Programme

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### MirreM Spring School Programme

**Wednesday, March 19**, 17.30-21.00 Pre-training event and joint dinner at a Wine House (Heuriger)

17.30-18.30 Introduction to the programme, getting to know each other

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## **Thursday, March 20**

9:00-11.30 Introduction into basic concepts: What is irregular migration? Who belongs to the population of irregular migrants? What are stocks and flows?

Albert Kraler (Danube University Krems)

10.30-11.00 Break

11.00-12.30 Session 1 what is 'good' data: validity, reliability, FAIR data principles; what are

Lalaine Sirono (University of Maastricht) and Arjen Leerkes (Maastricht University/ Erasmus University Rotterdam)

14.00-17.30 Session 2 (Double Session) – Workshop – using publicly available data on irregular migration to describe the irregular migration

Denis Kierans (University of Oxford), Arjen Leerkes (University of Maastricht/Erasmus University Rotterdam), Lalaine Siruno (University of Maastricht) and Carlos Vargas Silva (University of Oxford)

## **Friday, March 21**

9.00-10.30 Session 4: Estimation methods

Alejandra Rodriguez-Sanchez (University of Potsdam)

10.30-12:30 Session 5: The politics and ethics of numbers : Communicating through numbers, stories and visualisations.

Arjen Leerkes (Maastricht University/Erasmus University Rotterdam) & Albert Kraler (Danube University Krems)

12.30-14.00 Lunch Break

14.00-15.30 Workshop: Assessing policy impacts: what can we deduce from numbers? How can we explain numbers? What methods can be applied to assess the impact of policies? Workshop – describing policy impacts

Alejandra Rodriguez-Sanchez (University of Potsdam), Arjen Leerkes (Maastricht University/ Erasmus University Rotterdam)

16.00 Session 7: Discussion with stakeholders

15.30-17.00 Closing discussion: Ways forward: What have learnt? How can we apply knowledge

All Instructors

17:00 end of the training programme